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A Level Sociology

H580/03 Debates in contemporary society

Time allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A.
- Choose **one** option in Section B and answer **all** the questions for that option.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **105**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

SECTION A

Read the source material and answer **all** the questions in Section A.

Source A

In 1926 Nicolas Tesla was excited by the possibilities of communication technology to communicate with one another 'instantly, irrespective of distance' as though we were 'face-to-face', despite distances of thousands of miles. All through an instrument carried in 'a pocket'. Today young people can carry a smart phone in their pocket which enables them to interact, create and share ideas with other young people both locally and across the world.

Source B

Connection with others across the world can occur so quickly, some believe we now live in a virtual unified 'global village'; for example, through hashtags, people can discuss global issues such as climate change. However, in the global village there is less privacy as people volunteer personal information to sites such as Facebook and Instagram. Also, in the global village the differences between cultures become less obvious.

- 1* With reference to Source A and your wider sociological knowledge, explain how the development of social media has created opportunities that empower young people. **[9]**
- 2 With reference to Source B and your wider sociological knowledge, evaluate the view that living in a 'global village' is a negative development for people worldwide. **[10]**
- 3 Evaluate the sociological view that older people have benefitted from advances in digital forms of communication. **[16]**

SECTION B

Choose **one** option from Section B and answer **all** the questions for that option.

OPTION 1**Crime and deviance**

- 4* In what ways are self-report studies a useful measurement of crime? [10]
- 5* Assess the view that traditional socialisation is the main influence on patterns of offending amongst males. [20]
- 6* Evaluate the view that the law discriminates against the working class. [40]

OPTION 2**Education**

- 7* In what ways does teacher labelling influence the achievement of different ethnic groups in education? [10]
- 8* Assess social democratic views of education. [20]
- 9* Evaluate the view that the home is the main influence on the educational achievement of children from different social classes. [40]

OPTION 3**Religion, belief and faith**

- 10* In what ways is the concept of religiosity useful in studying the sociology of religion? [10]
- 11* Assess the view that older generations are more religious than younger people in society. [20]
- 12* Evaluate postmodern views of religion in society. [40]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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